

[Mr. N. Narayana Kurup.]

(e) whether the Government are aware that the people of the locality have raised the pathway up to the level of the adjacent compound at a cost of Rs. 2,500 and made a temporary bridge in the canal on the south of the temple?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (a) Yes.

(b) The matter was investigated and an endorsement was given to the petitioners in September 1936 that if they come forward and complete the road according to the Ryots' Road Rules, the question of taking the road under departmental maintenance will be considered thereafter.

(c) and (d) No, but the Assistant Engineer, inspected the road and suggested measures for improving the road.

(e) The people of the locality have improved the road and there is a temporary bridge south of the temple. The cost incurred by the people is not known.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the Assistant Engineer has inspected the site?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know when was it inspected?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: In November 1936.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether it is possible to convert the trace into a Government trace?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, provided the ryots undertake to abide by the conditions laid down in the Ryots Road Rules.

Shertala-Arukutty road.

231. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: With regard to Shertala-Arukutty road will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of the road;
- (b) the total amount spent for the construction;
- (c) whether there are bridges and culverts yet to be constructed;
- (d) if so, how many and what is the estimated cost for the construction of the same;
- (e) whether the road is fit for vehicular traffic at present; and
- (f) the annual allotment per mile for maintenance.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (a) 14 miles and 4 furlongs.

(b) Rs. 77,512-3-6.

(c) Yes.

(d) 2 bridges, one at Poochackal and the other at Chenganda. The estimated cost of the former is Rs. 4,400 and it is practically completed and will be opened for traffic shortly. No estimate has been prepared for the latter.

(e) Yes, throughout.

(f) Rs. 200 per mile.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether there is anybody to check the maintenance allotment spent over the different roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: By whom is that done?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: By the Division Officer and the Chief Engineer.

Town Planning for Alleppey.

232. MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Alleppey Municipal Council has requested Government to depute a town planning expert to prepare a scheme to enable that Council to take steps for initiating action under Sections 7 to 9 of the Town Planning Regulation;

(b) when the request was made; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in regard to that request?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (a) Yes.

(b) On 12-10-36 and on 3-6-1938.

(c) The matter has been referred to the Chief Engineer who is the Director of Town Planning.

Construction of a canal at Vempally from the Meenachil river.

233. *MR. A. J. JOHN (Vaikom cum Kottayam): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received representations to open a canal at Vempally from the Meenachil river and connect it with the Muttathu thodu; and

(b) what action they have taken in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal was examined. The scheme was found too costly to be taken up now and the benefit derived little compared to the expenditure.

Widening the Poothathan thodu.

234. *MR. A. J. JOHN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to widen the Poothathan thodu in the Vaikom taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The proposal is being examined.

Maintenance of the Thalayolaparampu market road.

235. *MR. A. J. JOHN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Thalayolaparampu market road is being maintained and repaired every year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know the amount spent on maintenance last year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: About 37 rupees.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know whether any amount has been spent this year?

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